

Process for the preparation of racemic and optically active organic compounds  
containing hydroxyl groups

Abstract

Non-chiral and, in particular, optically active alcohols are prepared from a carbonyl compound with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst, a base and optionally a diamine in an advantageous manner if a catalyst is used which contains both a support-bonded Ru(II) complex bisphosphine ligand and also a diamine ligand.

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